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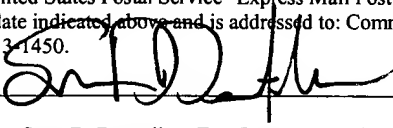
In re Application of : GOODWIN, J., et al.
Serial Number : 09/627,566
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For : Covered Stent and Method of Covering A Stent

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of term, attached hereto, thereby extending the term for response to and including June 30, 2003

In response to the official office action mailed December 30, 2002, consideration of the remarks provided, and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.